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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 16 September 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 28.

Identification of prior art discussed: Wellman et al. (US Pub. No. 2003/0065303).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The claims were discussed in light of the Wellman et al. reference. While subject to further review, the Wellman et al. reference does not appear to properly disclose treating and reducing the effective stiffness of a stiffened portion of a blood vessel.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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